

City Clerk's Office
June 9, 2014
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2014. Those present were councilmembers: Vance Keller, Dustin Doze, Michele Boy, Steve Schell and Mayor, Joe Stephens. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Also present were Marcus Ashlock, Chris Lund, Steve Phillips and Leslie Carlholm. Absent was Councilmember Matt Gould.

The Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

There were no public concerns.

Councilmember Schell stated that he would like an executive session for real estate acquisition. Councilmember Keller made motion to amend the agenda by adding an executive session after GAAP waiver. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve the minutes of May 12, 2014. Councilmember Vance Keller seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

Appropriation Ord. #899 in the amount of \$113,018.20 was approved on motion from Councilmember Schell, seconded by Councilmember Keller and all voting aye.

Chris Lund, representing City on a Hill, introduced himself. Lund described the services provided by City on a Hill, a women's intermediate center providing drug and alcohol abuse services. Lund presented the budget and requested the Council to consider funding City on a Hill in the 2015 budget. Council thanked Lund and told him they would make a decision in the July meeting.

Steve Phillips, Syracuse-Hamilton Airport Manager, presented the proposed 2015 budget for the airport. The level of funding from the city has remained at \$16,000 since 2006. Phillips requested that the City Council consider increasing the airport's distribution from the City of Syracuse. City Council told Phillips that they would take it under consideration.

Leslie Carlholm presented the proposed Economic Development Budget. Hamilton County has increased their participation every year since Carlholm has been Economic Development Director. City funding has been at \$16,800 since 2010. It was suggested that the City increase the funding to be closer to the original funding agreed to with Hamilton County of thirty-five percent. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

Carlholm discussed adding three pages to the City's website with the City Council. The cost of having the pages set up by the Reflective Group was \$400 a page or \$65 dollars if Sarah Carter uploaded the data provided to her by Carlholm. Motion to add three pages for \$65 with Carter uploading data was made by Councilmember Boy and seconded by Councilmember Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

Hamilton County Sheriff's office had requested Children Playing signs near the intersection of Avenue C and Johnson Street. Councilmember Schell made motion to place the signs on Johnson Street between Avenue B and Avenue C. Councilmember Boy seconded the motion. Motion passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

The Syracuse-Hamilton County Planning Commission recommended a conditional use permit to place a 1995 mobile home on lots 4, 5, & 6 of block 95 of the original town, pending the approved abstract and title. Councilmember Schell made motion to approve the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Doze and passed with all members voting aye.

The truck parking permit for H & H Trucking was tabled to the next meeting due to lack of information.

The GAAP Waiver Resolution was presented:

That the governing body found that financial statements and financial reports prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis law and budget laws of Kansas and are not of significant value to the governing body or members of the general public of this municipality.

Councilmember Vance Keller made motion to adopt the GAAP Waiver Resolution. Councilmember Schell seconded the motion and all councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes for land acquisition purposes. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Doze. Motion passed unanimously. Brian Bloyd, Linda Dinkel and a Rob Gale remained in the executive session.

The meeting returned to open session after 10 minutes. No action was taken.

Dinkel, City Clerk, mentioned that she would like the amount of budget increases for the 2015 budget year approved before the next meeting so that the auditor would have time to incorporate those figures into the upcoming budget before the July meeting. The finance committee will meet and make recommendations. The City Council will hold a special meeting to approve the recommendations.

REPORTS:

Economic Development: Carlholm extended an invitation to everyone to the Community Leadership meeting on June 10th, 7:00 p.m., at the Tamarisk Golf Course Club House. Carlholm is still working on Travel Guide Listings and Hosting the Goodland Travel Information Center for June.

Sand Park: We had record attendance on the Saturday before Memorial Day. The Sand Park Employees are splitting the schedule and Friday will be the only day there will be two on duty.

City Administrator: Everyone is busy and things are going well. Crew is getting ready to seal streets. Comm-Tronix will finish the well automation by June 13th. Bloyd anticipated that the crew would also stay busy mowing.

Mayor: Stated that the City Clerk had decided not to remodel the office in the 2015 budget year.

City Clerk: The annual audit went very well. Rick Shirley of Kennedy & McKee will be back at the July meeting to present the proposed budget. Fireworks for Independence Day have been ordered. Dinkel has a list of nuisances that need to be served with notices.

Round Table: Councilmember Boy has noticed that drivers are swerving to avoid the speed bump on Lansing Street. The City Council instructed Administrator Bloyd to move the bump so it would be harder to avoid.

The meeting was adjourned on motion from Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Boy, and all councilmembers voting aye.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Joe Stephens
Mayor